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PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALUABLE SEEDS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,

TRANSMITTING

DETAILED STATEMENT SHOWING THE PLACE, THE QUANTITY, AND PRICE OF SEEDS PURCHASED, AND THE DATES OF PURCHASE, AS REQUIRED BY ACT OF JUNE 30, 1914, (38 STAT. L., 424).

JANUARY 7, 1916.—Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 5, 1916.

SIR: In connection with the expenditure of the appropriation "Purchase and distribution of valuable seeds, 1915," I have the honor to transmit herewith a detailed statement showing the place, the quantity, and price of seeds purchased, and the dates of purchase, as required by the act of June 30, 1914 (38 Stat. L., 424).

A copy of this report has also been transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

D. F. HOUSTON,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Statement of vegetable, flower, and grass seeds purchased for 1914-15, congressional seed distribution, showing place, quantity, and price of seeds purchased and date purchased.

Kind.	Place purchased.	Date purchased. ¹	Quantity.	Number of variety.	Price.	Cost.
VEGETABLE.						
Beans, dwarf.....	Jackson, Mich.....	Jan. 29, 1914	<i>Bushels.</i> 272	4	\$2.80	\$761.60
Do.....	do.....	do.....	241	2	3.10	747.10
Do.....	Sioux City, Iowa.....	Jan. 28, 1914	300	1	2.75	825.00
Do.....	do.....	Jan. 31, 1914	97½	1	3.35	326.63
Do.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Jan. 28, 1914	80	1	2.75	220.00
			990½			2,880.33
Beans, pole.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	do.....	510	2	3.00	1,530.00

¹ Date purchased indicates date when order was placed; not date of delivery of seed.

Statement of vegetable, flower, and grass seeds purchased for 1914-15, congressional seed distribution, showing place, quantity, and price of seeds purchased and date purchased—Continued.

Kind.	Place purchased.	Date purchased.	Quantity.	Number of variety.	Price.	Cost.
VEGETABLE—contd.						
Beet.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 18,000	4	\$0.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$1,350.00
Do.....	do.....	Jan. 30, 1914	14,500	5	.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,087.50
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	7,300	2	.08 $\frac{1}{2}$	602.25
Do.....	do.....	do.....	3,749	1	.08 $\frac{1}{2}$	328.04
Do.....	do.....	do.....	3,639	1	.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	272.93
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 8, 1914	1,680	1	.09 $\frac{1}{2}$	163.80
			48,868			3,804.52
Brussels sprouts.....	London, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	3,500	1	.17	595.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 11, 1914	2,000	1	.22	440.00
			5,500			1,035.00
Cabbage.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	7,500	3	.28	2,100.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	5,000	4	.25	1,250.00
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Aug. 8, 1914	3,922	2	.39	1,529.58
Do.....	do.....	do.....	1,976	4	.24 $\frac{1}{2}$	479.18
Do.....	do.....	do.....	899	1	.24 $\frac{1}{2}$	222.50
Do.....	do.....	do.....	600	1	.28 $\frac{1}{2}$	169.50
			19,897			5,750.76
Carrot.....	San Jose, Cal.....	Jan. 28, 1914	15,000	1	.11	1,650.00
Do.....	do.....	May 15, 1914	4,020	1	.11	442.20
Do.....	Gilroy, Cal.....	Jan. 29, 1914	13,821	1	.11	1,520.31
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Aug. 8, 1914	1,274	1	.13	165.62
			34,115			3,778.13
Corn, sweet.....	Sioux City, Iowa.....	Jan. 31, 1914	<i>Bushels.</i> 1,000	3	1.45	1,450.00
Do.....	Valley, Nebr.....	Jan. 29, 1914	1,000	1	1.40	1,400.00
Do.....	Jackson, Mich.....	do.....	500	1	1.50	750.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	150	1	2.00	300.00
Do.....	Fremont, Nebr.....	Jan. 31, 1914	500	1	1.25	625.00
Do.....	do.....	July 20, 1914	114	1	1.25	142.50
Do.....	Lincoln, Nebr.....	Jan. 29, 1914	500	1	1.50	750.00
			3,764			5,417.50
Cucumber.....	Rocky Ford, Colo.....	May 15, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 14,015	2	.20	2,803.00
Do.....	do.....	Feb. 2, 1914	13,049	1	.20	2,609.80
Do.....	Cambridge, N. Y.....	Jan. 29, 1914	5,000	1	.20	1,000.00
			32,064			6,412.80
Endive.....	San Jose, Cal.....	Jan. 28, 1914	1,100	2	.25	275.00
Kale.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	1,308	1	.16	209.28
Do.....	Boston, Mass.....	Jan. 29, 1914	1,250	1	.20	250.00
			2,558			459.28
Kohl rabi.....	San Jose, Cal.....	Jan. 28, 1914	2,999	3	.22 $\frac{1}{2}$	674.78
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Aug. 21, 1914	2,464	1	.29 $\frac{1}{2}$	720.72
			5,463			1,395.50
Lettuce.....	San Jose, Cal.....	Jan. 24, 1914	35,098	13	.18	6,317.64
Do.....	do.....	Jan. 28, 1914	21,697	4	.14	3,037.58
Do.....	do.....	do.....	9,900	5	.20	1,980.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	3,000	1	.15	450.00
Do.....	Washington, D. C.....	Jan. 29, 1914	3,000	1	.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	555.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	2,000	1	.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	350.00
Do.....	Springfield, Mo.....	Feb. 2, 1914	3,800	3	.18	684.00
Do.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Oct. 2, 1914	1,020	1	.20	204.00
			79,515			13,578.22



PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALUABLE SEEDS.

Statement of vegetable, flower, and grass seeds purchased for 1914-15, congressional seed distribution, showing place, quantity, and price of seeds purchased and date purchased—Continued.

Kind.	Place purchased.	Date purchased.	Quantity.	Number of variety.	Price.	Cost.
VEGETABLE—contd.						
Muskmelon.....	Rocky Ford, Colo.....	Jan. 29, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 7,000	1	\$0.13½	\$945.00
Do.....	do.....	Sept. 4, 1914	21,529	2	.12	2,583.48
Do.....	Cambridge, N. Y.....	Jan. 29, 1914	10,947	2	.12	1,313.64
Do.....	Rocky Ford, Colo.....	do.....	10,657	1	.12	1,278.84
Do.....	do.....	Sept. 4, 1914	5,000	1	.12	600.00
Do.....	do.....	Jan. 28, 1914	4,556	1	.12½	569.50
			59,689			7,290.46
Onion.....	San Jose, Cal.....	do.....	21,638	1	.24½	5,301.31
Do.....	do.....	do.....	9,495	1	.22½	2,136.38
Do.....	do.....	May 9, 1914	10,089	1	.24½	2,471.81
Do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1914	711	1	.35	248.85
Do.....	do.....	do.....	61½	3	.40	24.60
Do.....	Gilroy, Cal.....	Sept. 29, 1914	5,990	2	.27	1,617.30
Do.....	Washington, D. C.....	Jan. 29, 1914	4,875	1	.21	1,023.75
Do.....	Cambridge, N. Y.....	do.....	4,000	1	.20	800.00
			56,859½			13,624.00
Parsley.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	1,500	1	.10	150.00
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	1,286	1	.15½	202.55
			2,786			352.55
Parsnip.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	4,000	1	.06½	250.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 8, 1914	3,360	1	.07½	243.60
Do.....	do.....	do.....	2,847	1	.07	199.29
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1914	4,480	1	.07½	336.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	1,120	1	.07½	81.20
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 11, 1914	5,000	1	.06	300.00
Do.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1914	4,500	1	.06	270.00
			25,307			1,680.09
Peas.....	Milford, Conn.....	July 8, 1914	<i>Bushels.</i> 2,000	2	2.00	4,000.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	1,000	1	2.25	2,250.00
			3,000			6,250.00
Radish.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 16,839	1	.11½	1,894.39
Do.....	do.....	do.....	16,852	1	.10½	1,769.46
Do.....	do.....	do.....	13,000	2	.10½	1,332.50
Do.....	do.....	do.....	7,000	1	.09½	682.50
Do.....	do.....	do.....	2,668	1	.11	293.48
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 8, 1914	1,120	1	.12½	140.00
Do.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Feb. 4, 1914	30,000	5	.08½	2,550.00
Do.....	San Jose, Cal.....	Jan. 28, 1914	7,300	3	.10	730.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	5,695	5	.11	626.45
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 15, 1914	7,000	4	.12	840.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	5,000	1	.11	550.00
Do.....	Cambridge, N. Y.....	Jan. 29, 1914	5,000	1	.10	500.00
			117,474			11,908.78
Spinach.....	London, England.....	Aug. 15, 1914	2,500	1	.05½	137.50
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Aug. 8, 1914	1,581	2	.06	94.86
			4,081			232.36
Squash.....	Valley, Nebr.....	Jan. 29, 1914	1,500	1	.19	285.00
Do.....	do.....	May 15, 1914	7,000	1	.19	1,330.00
Do.....	Washington, D. C.....	Jan. 29, 1914	5,017	1	.21½	1,078.66
Do.....	Fremont, Nebr.....	Jan. 31, 1914	1,000	1	.21	210.00
Do.....	Rocky Ford, Colo.....	May 15, 1914	645	1	.21	135.45
			15,162			3,039.11
Tomato.....	Pedricktown, N. J.....	Sept. 24, 1914	6,000	1	.22	1,320.00
Do.....	Milford, Conn.....	Jan. 29, 1914	5,000	1	.23½	1,175.00
			11,000			2,495.00



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VEGETABLE—contd.						
Turnip.....	London, England.....	Jan. 30, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 10,000	1	\$0.08	\$800.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	5,000	1	.08	400.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 11, 1914	15,000	2	.07	1,050.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	15,000	2	.07	1,050.00
Do.....	Boston, Mass.....	Jan. 29, 1914	10,000	1	.09	900.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	10,000	2	.08½	850.00
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Aug. 21, 1914	8,960	1	.09	806.40
Do.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	May 15, 1914	3,932	1	.09¾	383.37
			77,892			6,239.77
Watermelon.....	Nash, Okla.....	Feb. 2, 1914	2,580	1	.09	232.20
Do.....	Enid, Okla.....	Jan. 28, 1914	2,386	4	.10	238.60
Do.....	Fremont, Nebr.....	May 25, 1914	1,012	1	.12	121.44
Do.....	Lincoln, Nebr.....	do.....	700	1	.12	84.00
			6,678			676.24
FLOWER.						
Antirrhinum.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	50	1	1.25	62.50
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	25	1	1.25	31.25
			75			93.75
Balsam.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	400	1	.84	336.00
Do.....	London, England.....	Jan. 30, 1914	300	1	.75	225.00
Do.....	Boston, Mass.....	Jan. 29, 1914	150	1	.75	112.50
Do.....	St. Remy de Provence, France.	Feb. 3, 1915	100	1	.75	75.00
			950			748.50
Calendula.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	1,226	1	.24	294.24
Do.....	do.....	Oct. 29, 1914	179	1	.40	71.60
Do.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Jan. 28, 1914	655	1	.25	163.75
			2,060			529.59
Candytuft.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	1,100	1	.34	374.00
Do.....	do.....	May 15, 1914	500	1	.34	170.00
Do.....	do.....	Oct. 29, 1914	800	1	.65	520.00
Do.....	do.....	Dec. 17, 1914	432	1	.65	280.80
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	200	1	.28	56.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	200	1	.28	56.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	200	1	.25	50.00
Do.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	402	1	.75	301.50
Do.....	Fairfield, Wash.....	Jan. 29, 1914	274	1	.35	95.90
			4,108			1,904.20
Castor bean.....	Paris, France.....	Feb. 28, 1914	100	1	.11½	11.25
Chrysanthemum.....	Odense, Denmark.....	Feb. 4, 1915	100	1	.40	40.00
Do.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	66	1	.60	39.60
			166			79.60
Coreopsis.....	Enkhuizen, Holland.....	Jan. 26, 1914	448	1	.2173	97.35
Do.....	do.....	do.....	448	1	.239	107.07
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 15, 1914	100	1	.40	40.00
			996			244.42
Celosia.....	do.....	do.....	100	1	.50	50.00
Delphinium.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	200	1	1.00	200.00
Dianthus, double.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	204	1	1.25	255.00
Do.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	191	1	.89	169.99
Do.....	Fairfield, Wash.....	Jan. 29, 1914	113	1	.85	96.05
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	50	1	.85	42.50
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	50	1	.85	42.50
			608			606.04



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FLOWER—continued.						
Dianthus, single.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	<i>Pounds.</i> 204	1	\$1.25	\$255.00
Do.....	do.....	Feb. 4, 1915	100	1	1.25	125.00
Do.....	Fairfield, Wash.....	Jan. 29, 1914	184	1	.75	138.00
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	75	1	.85	63.75
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	75	1	.85	63.75
Do.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	115	1	.89	102.35
			753			747.85
Eschscholtzia.....	Enkhuizen, Holland.....	Jan. 26, 1914	810	1	.3041	246.32
Kochia.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 4, 1914	1,500	1	.26	390.00
Do.....	do.....	Nov. 29, 1914	979	1	.45	440.55
Do.....	Randolph, Wis.....	Jan. 29, 1914	833	1	.19	158.27
			3,312			988.82
Morning glory, dwarf....	Paris, France.....	Jan. 26, 1914	500	1	.10½	52.50
Morning glory, tall.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	1,000	1	.11	110.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	1,000	1	.11	110.00
Do.....	Paris, France.....	Jan. 26, 1914	1,750	1	.11½	201.25
Do.....	Langport, England.....	Jan. 27, 1914	220	1	.12	26.40
			3,970			447.65
Mignonette.....	do.....	do.....	1,650	1	.20½	338.25
Do.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	1,015	1	.50	507.50
Do.....	do.....	Feb. 5, 1915	200	1	.50	100.00
Do.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Feb. 4, 1915	610	1	.80	488.00
Do.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Feb. 4, 1914	100	1	.18	18.00
			3,575			1,451.75
Nasturtium, dwarf.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	2,500	1	.13	325.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	2,500	1	.13	315.00
Do.....	do.....	Oct. 20, 1914	500	1	.13	65.00
			5,500			715.00
Nasturtium, tall.....	do.....	Aug. 11, 1914	2,500	1	.10	250.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	2,500	1	.10	250.00
Do.....	do.....	Oct. 20, 1914	500	1	.10	50.00
Do.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Feb. 4, 1915	662	1	.30	198.60
			6,162			748.60
Petunia.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	100	1	1.35	135.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	100	1	1.35	135.00
			200			270.00
Poppy, double.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	209	1	.50	104.50
Do.....	do.....	Feb. 5, 1915	295	1	.50	147.50
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 15, 1914	300	1	.32	96.00
Do.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Feb. 4, 1915	253	1	.75	189.75
Do.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Feb. 4, 1914	200	1	.14	28.00
			1,257			565.75
Poppy, single.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	1,284	1	.30	385.20
Do.....	Fairfield, Wash.....	Jan. 29, 1914	1,078	1	.30	323.40
Do.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Nov. 2, 1914	201	1	.50	100.50
			2,563			809.10
Portulaca.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	50	1	1.00	50.00
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	50	1	1.00	50.00
			100			100.00
Sweet alyssum.....	Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	Feb. 4, 1915	150	1	1.00	150.00
Do.....	do.....	do.....	298½	1	1.25	373.13
Do.....	London, England.....	Aug. 11, 1914	150	1	.75	112.50
Do.....	do.....	Aug. 15, 1914	150	1	.75	112.50
			748½			748.13

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FLOWER—continued.						
Sweet peas.....	Fairfield, Wash.....	Jan. 29, 1914	Pounds. 90	1	\$0.15	\$13.50
Do.....	Kendrick, Idaho.....	Feb. 2, 1914	82	1	.14	11.48
			172			24.98
Virginian stocks.....	London, England.....	Aug. 15, 1914	1,000	1	.30	300.00
Zinnia.....	.....do.....	Jan. 30, 1914	500	1	.70	350.00
Do.....	.....do.....	May 15, 1914	351	1	.70	245.70
Do.....	Rocky Ford, Colo.....	Jan. 28, 1914	505	1	.75	378.75
Do.....	.....do.....	Apr. 4, 1914	600	1	.75	450.00
			1,956			1,424.45
LAWN GRASS SEED.						
Kentucky bluegrass....	Paris, Ky.....	June 2, 1914	7,528	1	.08 ³ / ₄	618.37
Fancy red top.....	New York, N. Y.....	.....do.....	1,430	1	.25	357.50
Perennial rye grass....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	June 3, 1914	992	1	.04 ¹ / ₂	44.64
Bermuda grass.....	Phoenix, Ariz.....	.....do.....	527	1	.35	184.45
White clover.....	Richmond, Va.....	.....do.....	475	1	.34	161.50
			10,952			1,366.46

RECAPITULATION.

Kind.	Number of pounds.	Cost.	Kind.	Number of pounds.	Cost.
VEGETABLE.			FLOWER—continued.		
Beans, dwarf.....	59,430	\$2,880.33	Castor bean.....	100	\$11.25
Beans, pole.....	30,600	1,530.00	Chrysanthemum.....	166	79.60
Beet.....	48,868	3,804.52	Coreopsis.....	996	244.42
Brussels sprouts.....	5,500	1,035.00	Celosia.....	100	50.00
Cabbage.....	19,897	5,750.76	Delphinium.....	200	200.00
Carrot.....	34,115	3,778.13	Dianthus, double.....	608	606.04
Corn.....	188,200	5,417.50	Dianthus, single.....	753	747.85
Cucumber.....	32,064	6,412.80	Eschscholtzia.....	810	246.32
Endive.....	1,100	275.00	Kochia.....	3,312	988.82
Kale.....	2,558	459.28	Morning glory, dwarf.....	500	52.50
Kohl Rabi.....	5,463	1,395.50	Morning glory, tall.....	3,970	447.65
Lettuce.....	79,515	13,578.22	Mignonette.....	3,575	1,451.75
Muskmelon.....	59,689	7,290.46	Nasturtium, dwarf.....	5,500	715.00
Onion.....	56,859 ¹ / ₂	13,624.00	Nasturtium, tall.....	6,162	748.60
Parsley.....	2,786	352.55	Petunia.....	200	270.00
Parsnip.....	25,307	1,680.09	Poppy, double.....	1,257	565.75
Peas.....	168,000	6,250.00	Poppy, single.....	2,563	809.10
Radish.....	117,474	11,908.78	Portulaca.....	100	100.00
Spinach.....	4,081	232.36	Sweet alyssum.....	748 ¹ / ₂	748.13
Squash.....	15,162	3,039.11	Sweet peas.....	172	24.98
Tomato.....	11,000	2,495.00	Virginian stocks.....	1,006	300.00
Turnip.....	77,892	6,239.77	Zinnia.....	1,956	1,424.45
Watermelon.....	6,678	676.24			
Total.....	1,052,238 ¹ / ₂	100,105.40	Total.....	41,941 ¹ / ₂	14,108.25
FLOWER.			ALL KINDS.		
Antirrhinum.....	75	93.75	Vegetable seed.....	1,052,238 ¹ / ₂	100,105.40
Balsam.....	950	748.50	Flower seed.....	41,941 ¹ / ₂	14,108.25
Calendula.....	2,060	529.59	Lawn grass seed.....	10,952	1,366.46
Candytuft.....	4,108	1,904.20	Grand total.....	1,105,132	115,580.11

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